

§ 3614. Waiver of rights as void

Any condition, stipulation, or provision binding any person to waive compliance with any provisions of this chapter shall be void.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §615, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

§ 3615. Nonexclusion of other statutory rights and remedies

The rights and remedies provided by this chapter shall be in addition to any and all other rights and remedies that may exist under Federal or State law.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §616, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

§ 3616. Separability

If any provisions of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §617, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

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This chapter is referred to in section 5203 of this title; title 7 section 7624; title 10 section 2902; title 22 section 2656d; title 23 sections 403, 502; title 29 section 3032; title 30 section 1805; title 33 section 2313; title 35 section 210; title 42 section 13541; title 43 section 390h-3; title 49 section 309.

§ 3701. Findings

The Congress finds and declares that:

(1) Technology and industrial innovation are central to the economic, environmental, and social well-being of citizens of the United States.

(2) Technology and industrial innovation offer and improved standard of living, increased public and private sector productivity, creation of new industries and employment opportunities, improved public services and enhanced competitiveness of United States products in world markets.

(3) Many new discoveries and advances in science occur in universities and Federal laboratories, while the application of this new knowledge to commercial and useful public purposes depends largely upon actions by business and labor. Cooperation among academia, Federal laboratories, labor, and industry, in such forms as technology transfer, personnel exchange, joint research projects, and others, should be renewed, expanded, and strengthened.

(4) Small businesses have performed an important role in advancing industrial and technological innovation.

(5) Industrial and technological innovation in the United States may be lagging when compared to historical patterns and other industrialized nations.

(6) Increased industrial and technological innovation would reduce trade deficits, stabilize the dollar, increase productivity gains, increase employment, and stabilize prices.

(7) Government antitrust, economic, trade, patent, procurement, regulatory, research and development, and tax policies have significant impacts upon industrial innovation and development of technology, but there is insufficient knowledge of their effects in particular sectors of the economy.

(8) No comprehensive national policy exists to enhance technological innovation for commercial and public purposes. There is a need for such a policy, including a strong national policy supporting domestic technology transfer and utilization of the science and technology resources of the Federal Government.

(9) It is in the national interest to promote the adaptation of technological innovations to State and local government uses. Technological innovations can improve services, reduce their costs, and increase productivity in State and local governments.

(10) The Federal laboratories and other performers of federally funded research and devel-

opment frequently provide scientific and technological developments of potential use to State and local governments and private industry. These developments, which include inventions, computer software, and training technologies, should be made accessible to those governments and industry. There is a need to provide means of access and to give adequate personnel and funding support to these means.

(11) The Nation should give fuller recognition to individuals and companies which have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology or technological manpower for the improvement of the economic, environmental, or social well-being of the United States.

(Pub. L. 96-480, § 2, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2311; Pub. L. 99-502, § 9(f)(1), Oct. 20, 1986, 100 Stat. 1797.)

AMENDMENTS

1986—Par. (10). Pub. L. 99-502 inserted “, which include inventions, computer software, and training technologies,”.

SHORT TITLE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-113, § 1, Mar. 7, 1996, 110 Stat. 775, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 272, 278, 278e, 278g-2, 3710, 3710a, 3710c, 3710d, 5401, 5402, 5404 to 5406, 5408, 5409, and 5412 of this title and section 210 of Title 35, Patents, repealing sections 5403 and 5413 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 272 and 275 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-245, § 1, Feb. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 7, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 1536, 3704b-1, 3704b-2, 3716, and 3717 of this title and section 6618 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending sections 272, 278d, 278g, 278g-1, 278k, 278n, 1453, 1454, 3703, 3704, 3704b, 3710, 3710a, 3711a, 4603, 4603a, and 4632 of this title and section 6683 of Title 42, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section, sections 271, 278f, 278n, and 1453 of this title, and section 6611 of Title 42, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 278f of this title] may be cited as the ‘American Technology Preeminence Act of 1991’.”

Pub. L. 102-245, title I, § 101, Feb. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 7, provided that: “This title [enacting sections 1536, 3704b-1, and 3704b-2 of this title, amending sections 278d, 278g, 278g-1, 278k, 1453, 1454, 4603, 4603a, and 4632 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 278f and 1453 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 278f of this title] may be cited as the ‘Technology Administration Authorization Act of 1991’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-189, div. C, title XXXI, § 3131, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1674, provided that: “This part [part C (§§ 3131-3133) of title XXXI of div. C of Pub. L. 101-189, amending sections 3710, 3710a, and 3710c of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 3710a of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Competitiveness Technology Transfer Act of 1989’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-519, title II, § 211, Oct. 24, 1988, 102 Stat. 2594, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle B (§§ 211, 212) of title II of Pub. L. 100-519, enacting section 3704b of this title and amending section 3710 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Technical Information Act of 1988’.”